AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

In The Title Of The Invention:

Please change the Title of the Invention to read as follows:

--METHOD AND DEVICE EXTRACTING DESIRED STATIC INFORMATION CONCERNING A DEVICE BY A USER POLICY--

At page 8, starting on line 15, please change to read as follows:

FIG. 1 shows an embodiment of a device realizing a statistic information extraction method according to the present invention. In this embodiment, a relay device 1 which forms an object of a statistic information extraction device is composed of a pattern extracting portion 2, a pattern retrieving portion 3 composed of a CAM (Content Addressable Memory) or the like, a statistic information memory 4 which is a counter, and a CPU 5 performing various settings according to a user policy.

At page 10, starting on line 14, please change to read as follows:

In operation of the relay device 1 as the statistic information extraction device shown in FIG. 1, it is supposed that a packet P1 from a user X (not shown) is received through an external network. The user packet P1 is an Ether Ethernet (registered trademark) frame, has no tag identifier set (tagless frame), and is set as the IPv4 (Ethernet II form) frame, the TCP, and an application using a TCP destination port No. "10000" (e.g. application of data transfer concerning a predetermined business) (packet example 1).

At page 11, starting on line 25, please change to read as follows:

The packet extracting portion 2 having received this signal S3 makes the hit address "1100" offset for the statistic information base address="80000000" set for the packet example 1 in the table A, transmits an access address "80000100" "80001100" in the form of a signal S4 to the statistic information memory 4, and counts up the statistic information memory 4 to "1" in the example of FIG. 5.

At page 12, starting on line 1, please change to read as follows:

Hereinafter, it is supposed that the packet P1 of a user Y (not shown) having received from the external network is the Ether Ethernet (registered trademark) frame, has a tag (single stage), and is set for the IPv4 (Ethernet II form), the TCP, the application using the TCP destination port No. "11000", and the error packet of TTL="0" (packet example 2).

At page 14, starting on line 27, please change to read as follows:

Namely, the table A-1 is composed of a table concerning the packet type field and the error type field in the table A shown in FIG. 2, and the table A-2 is composed by the combination of the statistic information base address, the learning flag, and the pattern extraction position in the table A table A-1.